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For: ENHANCED PRODUCTION OF TAXOL AND TAXANES BY CELL		
CULTURES OF <i>TAXUS</i> SPECIES		

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to the examination on the merits, please amend the above-captioned patent application as shown below. A check in the amount of \$154.00, for seven (7) additional claims is enclosed. In the event any variance exists between the amount determined by the Applicants and that determined by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, please charge any such variance to the undersigned's Deposit Account No. 02-0375.

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01 FC:103. **IN THE SPECIFICATION**

05/04/2000 PHILSON 00000004 020375 09083198 On page 28, line 25, after "related derivatives and analogs.", please add Preferred

01 FC:103 *[Signature]* jasmonate-related compounds include alkyl esters of jasmonic acid, where the alkyl group esterified to jasmonic acid has form one to four carbon atoms.--